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|  <p>Green Mountain National Forest</p> |  <p>Finger Lakes National Forest</p> | <p>Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests</p> <p><i>For Immediate Release</i></p> <p>Monday, August 1, 2011</p> |
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\$20.00 FIREWOOD PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GMNF

RUTLAND, VT. U.S. Forest Service officials in Vermont are reminding the public they can purchase firewood permits should they be interested in gathering cord wood for heating season.

In order to harvest firewood from the Green Mountain National Forest, people must first purchase a firewood removal permit (for a minimum charge of \$20 for 2 cords) at one of the Forest Service offices located in Rutland, Middlebury, Manchester Center or Rochester, Vermont. The maximum volume of firewood that can be taken by a permit holder in a calendar year is 10 cords.

Permit holders are only allowed to cut trees that are already dead and down -- standing trees (live or dead) may not be cut. Firewood permits must be in the permittee's possession while harvesting and transporting products. Permit sales by the Green Mountain National Forest are final and are not subject to refund or transferable. People are encouraged to be mindful of their surroundings, road traffic and to use extreme caution when operating mechanized equipment.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE OFFICES IN VERMONT:

Rutland -- Forest Supervisor's Office -- 231 North Main Street, Rutland, VT -- 802-747-6700

Manchester -- Ranger Station -- 2538 Depot Street, Manchester Center, VT -- 802-362-2307

Middlebury -- Ranger Station -- 1007 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT -- 802-388-4362

Rochester -- Ranger Station -- 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, VT -- 802-767-4261

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